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TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

GREEK POEMS ON THE UNDERGROUND

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During the current Greek presidency of the EU, *Poems on the Underground* is celebrating the enduring influence of Greek culture with its latest selection of poems. Passengers using the Underground will be able to see the poems on London Underground trains until June. There are six poems by Greek, British and Irish poets covering a range of themes, from love and the natural world to myth and history. The poets featured include the ancient Greek poets Sappho and Anyte, the great 20th-century Greek poets C.P. Cavafy and Nikos Gatsos, the Romantic Philhellene poets Byron and Keats, and the Irish poet and translator Theo Dorgan. *Poems on the Underground*, founded in 1986, aims to bring poetry to a wider audience.

LONDON UNDERGROUND BEGINS SEARCH FOR SUPPLIER TO BUILD THE 'NEW TUBE FOR LONDON'

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London Underground will today begin the search for a supplier to build the 'New Tube for London' – the next generation of deep-level, energy efficient, walk-through and air-cooled Underground trains. The new trains, capable of full automation, will enable more frequent and reliable services, boosting capacity and making journeys better and more comfortable for passengers. The New Tube for London will operate on the Bakerloo, Central, Piccadilly and Waterloo & City lines. 250 new trains will include air-cooling for the first time on deep-level sections of the Underground, a challenge thought to be almost impossible to overcome until now. LU will place a notice today with the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) seeking expressions of interest to build the new trains. A formal Invitation to Tender is expected to be issued in early 2015. Alongside new modern signalling systems, the new trains will help LU meet the challenge of London's growing population – set to increase from 8.2m today to around 10m by 2030 – by increasing capacity on:

- The Central Line by 25 per cent.
- The Bakerloo Line by 25 per cent.
- The Waterloo & City Line by 50 per cent.
- The Piccadilly Line by 60 per cent.

New Tube for London programme will see approximately:

- 100 trains for the Piccadilly Line.
- 100 trains for the Central Line.
- 40 trains for the Bakerloo Line.
- 10 trains for the Waterloo & City Line.

CROSSRAIL

CROSSRAIL ROLLING STOCK AND DEPOT CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED TO BOMBARDIER

6 February 2014

The intention to award a contract to deliver rolling stock and a new depot for Crossrail with a capital value of around £1bn to Bombardier has been announced today by Transport for London and The Department for Transport. The contract between TfL and Bombardier covers the supply, delivery and maintenance of 65 new trains and a depot at Old Oak Common. The contract award is subject to a 10 day standstill period.



TfL will run Crossrail as part of its integrated transport services for London, including ticketing and customer travel information. Bombardier has confirmed that the new trains (*Above*) will be manufactured and assembled at their plant in Derby. This contract will support 760 UK manufacturing jobs plus 80 apprenticeships. **Photo: Crossrail**

An estimated 74 per cent of contract spend will remain in the UK economy. The construction of the maintenance depot at Old Oak Common will see 244 jobs, plus 16 apprenticeships. When fully operational the depot will support 80 jobs to maintain the new fleet of trains. Each Crossrail train is 200 metres long and able to carry up to 1,500 passengers. Key features of the new high-capacity Crossrail trains include air conditioning and inter-connecting walk-through carriages. On-train passenger information systems will deliver real-time travel information to allow passengers to plan their onward journeys.

TfL will introduce the new trains from May 2017, with the fleet progressively introduced to the existing rail network well in advance of services commencing through Crossrail's central section in December 2018.

CROSSRAIL'S EIGHTH TUNNELLING MACHINE LAUNCHES IN EAST LONDON

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Ellie is the eighth Crossrail tunnelling machine to be launched and the last to be inaugurated. She broke ground a stone's throw from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and will dive up to 30 metres below ground on her 2.7 kilometre journey to Stepney Green, before breaking into one of Europe's largest mined caverns later this year. The tunnel will form part of Crossrail's north east spur from Whitechapel to Shenfield in Essex. Ellie is staffed by 20 people, weighs 1,000 tonnes, is 150 metres long and 7.1 metres in diameter. Her sister machine, Jessica, completed the journey from Pudding Mill Lane to Stepney Green on 3 February and in the coming weeks will be taken to Limmo Peninsula near Canning Town in east London, where she will begin Crossrail's last tunnel drive towards Victoria Dock Portal. Ellie was named after Paralympic Champion Ellie Simmonds OBE and Jessica is named after Olympic Champion Jessica Ennis-Hill CBE. Both names were chosen by pupils from Marion Richardson School in Stepney.

The launch of Ellie continues an unprecedented period of tunnelling milestones, with the western tunnels reaching structural completion, the first Crossrail tunnel beneath the Thames completing at North Woolwich and three tunnel boring machine breakthroughs at Whitechapel and Stepney Green in recent weeks. Tunnel machine Mary has also recently re-launched from Woolwich Box.